The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Thursday February 3. to Monday February 7. 1697.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

Prohibiting His Majesties Subjects to enter into the Service of Foreign Princes and States.

WILLIAM R.

WHereas the Kings most Excellent Majesty hath been Inform'd, That divers of His Majesties Natural born Subjects, as well Mariners as others, have, and daily do depart this Kingdom, and betake themselves to the Service of Foreign Princes and States, without Licence had and obtained in that behalf, from His Majesty, in manifest Contempt of His Royal Authority, tending to the Disservice of His Majesty, and prejudice to His Kingdoms, Dominions and Countries, for Redress whereof for the present, and for preventing the like Mischief for the future, the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, by this His Royal Proclamation, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth strictly Prohibit and Forbid all and every Person, and Persons of what Quality, Degree, or Condition soever, being His Majesties Natural born Subjects, from Entring into, or Listing themselves in the Service or Pay of any Foreign Prince or State; And doth hereby strictly Charge and Command them and every of them, upon their bounden and known Duty and Allegiance, that they or any of them, do not from henceforth withdraw him or themselves, or depart from this His Majesties Kingdom of England, or any other His Majesties Realms or Dominions, for, or in order to the Entring or Listing him or themselves into Pay, or otherwise betake him or themselves to the Service of any Foreign Prince or State, either by Sea or Land, without due Licence first had and obtain'd in that behalf: To all which His Majesty will Expect, and doth Require due Obedience and Conformity, and doth hereby Publish and Declare, That all Offenders to the contrary, shall not only incur His Majesties just Displeasure, but be proceeded against, according to the utmost Severity of the Law.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the Twenty eighth Day of *January*, 1697. In the Ninth Year of Our Reign.

Kensington, Feb. 5. The following Address from the County of *Oxon*, at the last Sessions of Peace, was presented to His Majesty by *William Pudsey* Esq; Chairman of the said Sessions, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord *Wharton*, Lord Lieutenant of that County.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, and other Commission Officers of the Militia; As also of the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury, for the County of *Oxon*, at the Sessions.

Great SIR,

WE humbly Congratulate Your Majesty's Return with a sincere and unaffected Loyalty, and would if it were possible, express our just Acknowledgements of Your Great and Glorious Undertakings for the Relief of this Your Kingdom, as well as other Nations, from Tyranny and Oppression, and Establishing us in an Honourable Peace.

As we have nothing left to Wish, but the continuance of Your Majesty in Peace to us, so the only suitable return we can make is the Tender of our Prayers, that we may long enjoy the Blessing of Your Presence, and Your Majesty the Fruits of all Your Generous and Heroick Labours.

These Favours further Oblige us to Devote our selves to Your Service, and we beg leave to give this repeated Assurance, that we shall ever engage in a voluntary Association for the Defence of Your Royal Person, Title and Government, against all Your Enemies.

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury of the Eastern Division of the County of *Kent*, at their General Quarter Sessions, was presented to His Majesty by the Honourable *Philip Sidney* Esq; one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of *Kent*.

The humble Address of the Bayliff, Jurats, and Commonalty of *Lydd* within the Jurisdiction of the Cinque-Ports in the County of *Kent*, was presented to His Majesty.

The humble Address of the Nobility, Members of Parliament, Justices of the Peace, Magistrates of the several Corporations, Clergy, Officers of the Militia, and other Gentlemen of the County of *Kildare* in *Ireland*, was presented to His Majesty.

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and Freeholders of the County of *Corke* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, was presented to His Majesty.

The humble Address of the Right Honourable *Edward* Earl of *Meath*, Governor of the County of *Wicklow* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, as also of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Freeholders, and Gentlemen, assembled at the General Sessions for the said County, was presented to His Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *Londonderry* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was presented to His Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Commonalty of the City of *Corke* in *Ireland*, was presented to His Majesty.

All which Addresses His Majesty received very graciously.

Vienna, Jan. 18. *N. S.* Count *Caunitz* the first of the Emperor's Ambassadors at the late Treaty of Peace having made Report of his Negotiation, has entred upon the Functions of his Office of Vice-Chancellor of the Empire, and as such, has had several Conferences with Count *Kinsky*, as well concerning the matters now in Debate at the Dyet of *Ratisbonne*, as the Execution of the said Treary. The Obsequies of the late Queen of *Poland* Dutchess of *Lorraine*, will begin the 27th Instant, and are to last 3 days